

10/6/08 - Monday, October 6, 2008

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of October 6, 2008

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, John Mann, Katrinka Bourne, Bob Von Haden, Ken Ziehr, Sue Nelson, Ken Fulgione

Members absent: None

Minutes. The minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

1. Public Input and Discussion on National Register Nominations. The Commission discussed the proposed National Register nominations for the Roosevelt Avenue Historic District (415-455 Roosevelt Avenue) and the Salisbury Row House (302-310 West Grand Avenue.) Pat Ivory noted that owners of the properties had been notified of the Commission meeting inviting them to attend to discuss the nominations. Pat Ivory noted that the nominations had been prepared as part of a CLG grant application from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Eric Wheeler prepared the nominations for the Commission.

Eric Wheeler was present at the meeting to provide an overview of the nominations. Eric indicated that the State Review Board would be considering the nominations on October 17th.

John Curtis, owner of 302-310 West Grand Avenue, spoke in support of the nominations and thanked the Commission and Eric for their work in preparing the nominations.

2. Consideration of Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness.

A. Carson Park Baseball Stadium " To Enlarge the Press box. The City of Eau Claire and Eau Claire Express Baseball organization have requested a Certificate of Appropriateness to enlarge the press box at the Carson Park Baseball Stadium. The stadium is a local landmark property and listed on the National Register. The proposed enlargement includes 2-24 foot additions to both sides of the existing press box of a scale and design to match the existing. The additions would have wood siding similar to that of the existing press box and painted to match. Pat Ivory provided an overview of the project.

Phil Fieber, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department discussed the project. Phil noted that the press box has changed several times over the years and showed photographs from previous years. He discussed the need for the project noting that the existing press box has room for only 4 people, the new press box would accommodate up to 12 people. Media for both teams are now attending the games from not only the radio and newspaper but also from Public Access TV and other television stations.

The Commission discussed the need for the one window in each new press box facing the parking lot. Phil noted that this provided additional light into the press box and improved airflow. The press boxes are not air-conditioned.

Bill Rowlett, from the Eau Claire Express Baseball team was present at the meeting in support of the project.

John Curtis, 302 West Grand Avenue, spoke in support of the project and noted that the design of the additions was very consistent with the design of the existing press box and complemented the appearance of the stadium.

ACTION TAKEN: Ken Ziehr moved to approve the request for Certificate of Appropriateness. John Mann seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Discussion of Submitting a 2009 CLG Grant Application. The Commission discussed possible projects for the up-coming 2009 CLG Grant application to the Wisconsin Historical Society. Grant applications are due in November. It was noted that projects related to updating intensive surveys and the preparation of National Register nominations will receive higher priority than brochure and educational related projects.

The Commission noted that additional updates of the City™s Intensive Historic survey are needed within neighborhoods such as the Eastside Hill Neighborhood and possibly newer areas such as Putnam Heights. In addition, several preliminary determinations for eligibility for individual properties could be completed, such as for Rod and Gun Park and the cemetery sexton™s building. Finally, the Commission discussed the preparation of several nominations to the National Register.

The Commission directed Pat to initiate the work in preparing the grant application based on this discussion of the Commission.

B. Landmark Eligibility for Rod and Gun Park and Lakeview Cemetery Sexton Building. The Commission continued their discussion regarding the request from the Friends of Half Moon Lake to consider the landmark eligibility of buildings located in Rod and Gun Park and Sexton Building in Lakeview Cemetery. As noted at the previous meeting, members of the Friends of Half Moon Lake are inquiring as to whether these buildings may be eligible for the local or National Register.

Helen Young, an intern working for the City indicated that she had been researching the history of the park and cemetery building. She stated that she had obtained some information, but it was quite limited at this point. She indicated that she would be making several additional contacts and hopes that these people may have additional information about the history of the park and cemetery building. She added that the facilities at Rod and Gun Park were not WPA projects as they were constructed before that time.

C. Landmark Designation of 133 Lake Street. Pat noted that Helen Young would be researching the history of 133 Lake Street in the up-coming weeks and asked Ken Ziehr if he could prepare an architectural description of the house. Once completed, a public hearing will be scheduled.

D. Discussion of Draft Brochure for City Hall. The Commission reviewed a draft of a brochure focusing on City Hall and the Carnegie Library. The Commission noted that the draft was very good and suggested a few possible changes. These included: listing the watermark images on the brochure, adding an interior photo of one of the buildings, and considering a comparison by narrative or photo to similar European architecture.

E. Third Ward Informational Meeting. Pat informed the Commission that the informational meeting for the Third Ward Historic Landmark District is scheduled for November 11th at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Temple.

F. 1705 Park Avenue. The Commission was informed that the owners of 1705 Park Avenue (the Wickham/Weld House) submitted a letter to the Commission indicating their interest in having the property designated as a local landmark property. The house is already on the National Register as part of the Park Company National Register District.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned a 5:30 p.m.